## The Messenger.

DESULTORIA

Anthony Hawkins has a new novel he calls "Rupert of Hensau." It poems not before known. She was gave it and ministered to their comthe the others, full of adventure, and same are bold enough to say that it is Dis best work, better than "The Prisomer of Zenda."

tures like a strong intellect much less avoided strangers, and even in the recsenius. His is a very common-place tory lived much to herself preferring to Thee. Is he a genius? He has no hu- eat alone. Mr. Shorter says, at the mor but is full of invention, a quality of conclusion of his paper, "This in brief, great importance to a suc- is all we know and shall probably ever cessful romanticist' or story teller. know of one of the greatest women in Some highly intellectual authors of our literature." She gave more evistories do not know how to tell a story dences of a high and singular genius and are lamentably defective in inven- in her girlhood and early womanhood, tion and observation. Are not Henry than any other English female writer James, William D. Howells of this kind? has given in such early years. What Hope, Caine, Doyle, Merriman, Stimp- she would have developed into with and a half dozen others of the re- health and long life can only be surcent school of the romantic can all in- mised. Charlotte asserted her superior went and tell a clever story. Caine re- talents-her genius-and yet all who cently said:

scenes, reproductions of local dialects, these are quite wonderful in the novels of the day. Perhaps there never was a time when the secondary qualities of connection between Thackeray and English fiction stood so high. But ex- Charlotte Bronte. The extracts from cept in a few instances, invention, its very best quality, does not stand high, and passion is not great in it. The conwentional novel of the day is interesting sight and power of criticism. Some and strong; it is the final deposit of the invention of a hundred years; but the senius of a novelist is shown in his power to break away from it."

The most striking thing to us in literature and the most hopeful, is the return to the old writers. New editions are coming out of a half a dozen or more of the once very popular and clever writers of forty and fifty years ago or earlier. The fact that the works of the great novelists are appearing in new and better editions augurs well for the future of literature. It is pleasant in his feelings (his feeling, though he to know that Fielding, Jane Austen, Scott, Thackeray, Dickens, Charlotte Bronte, Mary Ann Evans ("George Eliot") Bulwer and Charles Kingsley are read and appreciated to such an extent their works are issued in new editions elaborately edited perhaps. The greatest efforts; he borrows nothing from critic of the New York Tribune writes: fever; his is never the energy of deli-"The old novelists are constantly coming back for their due. Scott gets printed in one new editon at least, and sometimes in half a dozen, every year; interest of the narrative in a flow, deep, and the publishers are always reviving Marryat or John Galt or Lever or some other of the lesser great ones and putting them into hadsome form. Lever is being launched in a gorgeous complete edition in London just now." We mentioned before that authors about forsotten, but of very genuine merit, like Lover, Galt, Henry Kingcley and others had been treated to new editions with-In two or three years. There are single novels like "Anastasius," "John Halifax," "Vatrek," "Ten Thousand a Year," "Pamela," "Wuthering Heights" and some others that will be long read after most or all of the other works of the authors are forgotten. This year we read for the third or fourth time, as the case may be, four of Scotts' great 8 tch novels and they were better thanforty or fifty years ago when read in life's young spring. There is indeed personal and unequalled charm in

We have not read all of Dr. Weir Mitchell's "Hugh Wynne," recently issued, but perhaps two-thirds of it. It is a decided success as an historical povel of our "revolutionary war" times. It is full of interest, local color, dramatic situations, strong character drawing, and the facts of history are skillfully used and idialized and with real freshness and interest. It is full of stirring events and love making, and some of half-informed, without even having the characters are indeed presented and elaborated with high art and decided virility. The able critic of the Tribune says of it with marked approval:

Scott.

"Costumes, manners, topography, politics, all the things wherewith he might have constructed an historical pamphlet, he has rightly regarded as subsidiary to the central mitive of his story. That is love motive, with divers interesting developments of character enough to have a radical change of springing from it. "Hugh Wynne," instead of taking its place amongst the archaeological novels, stands forth as a narrative of lively human interests, with creatures in it of flesh and blood. The personages are drawn with skillful sympathy, and are all, or nearly all, remembered as individualities. The author has wisely refrained from attempting overmuch portraiture of historical celebrities. His vignettes of our belief upon other foundations. A Washington, Franklin and the rest are artistic but brief."

The style is specially adapted to the times in which the story is cast, and In that sense is a decided achievement. There is a flavor of quaintness and about which to write for our column of people" showed their admiration and the dramatic movement is admira- Sunday Causeries, we opened the Bible kindness and gratitude and affection bly preserved throughout. Not having and the first thing that came under our read all we cannot give a final judg- eye was St. Paul on "the island of Mement. But it is a novel far above the lita." We read the first ten verses of forth acts thus showing their satisfaccurrent novels and has much more of the 28th chapter, and saw in it one or srength and felicity of touch and aptly two practical thoughts that it might be pervading tone than any novel we re- well to dwell upon briefly. We read in member to have read that has been the second verse-"And the barbarous produced within a decade in our coun- people showed us no little kindness." try bearing upon historic events. The Paul and the two hundred and seventy-Tribune says of it that "altogether the five others in the ship, had just suffered book is read with a keener sense of shipwreck, and all safely escaped to the human nature, human vitality, than island, and met with a generous and has been aroused by American histori- kindly reception from the inhabitants cal fiction in many a long year." It described as barbarians. We take it was given out in a spirit of perfervid braggadocio in the publications of the first two numbers that at last "the great American novel," long looked for had appeared. We notice that the New Yory critic is guarded now and does even call it "a great" novel.

In the September number of the New York Bookman there were two papers ganism in perfect condition. Try them. 25 cents. ing invigors of interest bearing on the Brontes. One Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell. Mass. Sarsaparilla. York Bookman there were two papers

by Mr. C. K. Shorter gave some "relics" other nations were barbarians. It was well known as Charlotte's "Jane in obscurity and dying young it had Heights," her only novel, will long live. Hall Caine does not look in his pic- She was extremely retiring and always have given special attention to both sis-"Pictures of manners, descriptions of ters are persuaded that Emily had the greater mental endowments. The other paper is on the acquaintance or her letters on the great author of "Vanity Fair" shows wonderful inyear or two ago we laid some extracts before the readers of the Messenger. She was ahead of her day in her penetrating glance at Thackeray. She discerned powers that only the reading world accepted fully at a later day. Writing in March 1848, this great woman said to Mr. W. S. Williams, of her publishing firm:

"You mention Thackeray and the last number of Vanity Fair. The more I read Thackeray's works the more certain I am that he stands alone-alone in sagacity, alone in his truth, alone make no noise about it, is about the most genuine that ever lived on a printed page), alone in his power, alone in his simplicity, alone in his self-control. Thackeray is a Titan, so strong that he can afford to perform with calm the most herculean feats; there is the charm and majesty of repose in his rium; his energy is sane energy, deliberate energy, thoughtful energy. Forcibl, exciting in it force, still more impressive than exciting, carrying on the full, resistless, it is still quiet—as quiet a reflection, as quiet as memory; and to me there are parts of it that sound as solemn as an oracle. Thackeray is never borne away by his own ardour; has it under control;. His genius obeys him-it is his servant; it works no fantastic changes at its own wild will it must still achieve the task which reason and sense assigns it, and none other. Thackeray is unique. I can say no more. I will say no less.'

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### RELIGIOUS EDITORIALS FOR SUNDAY.

Any one to dogmatize about religious dogmas and doctrines should be particularly well informed, and after a sincere, honest, receptive examination of the questions upon which he dogmatizes. Ignorance, often of a very dense kind, is very frequently the mother of dogmatism. A one-sided, an imperfect view of a question is apt to leave a man floundering while a broad, enlightened, scholarly view would leave him planted upon the very foundation rock of truth. The greatest bigots and the most cock-sure people we ever met in their discussions of the dogmatics and Biblical doctrine were candidly examined the questions in dispute and without consequently such knowledge as could authorize confident assertion and mental infallfbility. It is very certain that fullness of information derived from a persistent and broad range of study is a curative of many errors and a friend to modesty of statement. We have lived long opinion in some dogmatics, and that too after perhaps years of reading and reflection. We remember to have once accepted one dogma as true and inevitable after six months reading. But fifteen years more of sincere and constantly recurring study relieved us of this first conclusion and established truth seeker cannot be satisfied until he has patiently, sincerely examined both sides. Audi alteram partem.

Not having anything special in mind that they were not barbarians as we term savages, native Africans and oth-

of the bowels, do not irritate or inflame, but leave all the delicate digestive or-

of Emily, the sister who was even a probably so to the Romans, and, possigreater genius than Charlotte, but | bly, to the Hebrews. The Melitanese whose one novel is not a tenth so were clearly kind if somewhat ignorant. They saw a large number of Eyre" or even some of the other books. people in distress, having lost all, and ple through the north are writing Mr. Shorter publishes some of Emily's in need of help and sympathy, and they about farming lands. They are all over richly endowed with genius, but living fort. These perhaps half civilized people gave the world a new example of not fully flowered. " Wuthering mercy and benevolence, and it would be better for all boastful, more highly favored people, to follow these "barbarians" in succoring any in distress, in poverty, in sorrow. The world is filled with God's poor, and the opportunities for doing good, for rich human sympathy, expressed in prompt offices of mercy and affection, abound on every hand. The needy, the forlorn, the hopeless. the helpless are at every turn. It is more blessed to give than to receive. The cup of cold water even given in the name of a disciple of the loving and sympathetic Saviour cannot go unreare not all faithful and active in administering to the several necessities of humanity suffering in mind, in body, as if indeed "shipwrecked." Around and about us there are those who need help, who are every way worthy and wish to work and yet are unable to find it. There are many who are deserving of help and sympathy because exposed to cold or rain or nakedness or hunger or sickness or sin. Let our hearts be moved upon by a sweeping passion that shall lead us to bestow of our goods and to stretch forth the kindly hand moved by the fire of love kindled in our hearts. It will warm and comfort and gladden other hearts while warming and blessing our own. "The barbarous people showed us no little kindness." This is Luke's record of the people at Melita. The next thing that impresses us in the narrative of the inspired Dr. Luke, and it is what struck with surprise the Melitanese, was the viper fastening upon the Apostle Paul's hand and no dangerous or painful results following. They expected to see him die suddenly, but when no harm came to him, they marvelled, and from regarding him as a murderer they said that he was "a god." This was the idea also of people in those times who from speedy drowning. were enlightened heathen, cultivated in the schools. If trouble and danger befell men they were sinners, even criminals, whom vengeance pursuedthe avenging, fateful Nemesis. Does not this idea in essence linger until our own day? Are there not many people dwelling in so-called Christian lands who are governed in their views of right and wrong by this erroneous principle of the Melitanese in Paul's day? Do they not think that judgment in confined to this life-that men suffer here for sins, for crimes, for mistakes, reversing the principle governing that nations suffer in time, but individuals suffer in eternity? The wicked are as often exempt from poverty, from trouble, from suffering here as the good and faithful are. But there is an appointed day, when God the all-wise and forever righteous, will judge the world in equity, and all things will be finally settled. Then the obstinate shall be broken and the sinners shall be punished. Then God's children who have loved and honored and obeyed and served him faithfully, will enter into God's own glory and be forever happy and joyous. Paul, as God's ambassador full of faith of the highest type, (witness what occurred not long before the shipwreck when the angel of God stood by him and gave to him all on board the ship) had fulfilled in him on the island the promise the Saviour had made to his first disciples-"They shall take up serpents and, if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Paul not only was not hurt from the bite of the viper, but he also fulfilled the other part of the promise. He cured the sick father and healed other diseases of the smitten and suffering islanders. How quickly the barbarians changed their opinion of Paul. At first he was a murderer, or else the snake had not bitten him. When the venomous reptile was shaken into the fire, and Paul stood unharmed, they said he is a god. How the multitude, ignorant and blind, are swayed by cirsumstances and moved by appearances! The Melitanese in their ignorance thought Paul "a god" because he was more powerful some how than they, better, wiser. But that is not the Christian's view of their God, the only wise God, the King, immortal, eternal and invisible. They think of Him and worship His as good and wise and merciful and holy and just and placable and long suffering, and as far above all others-beyond our best conceptions of Godhead. When Paul and his companions departed these "barbarous for "they layded us with such things as were necessary." They brought tion and thanks in a proper and impressive way. This is another excel-

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tians. Be faithful in good deeds, in

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of mercy and love. If we are suffering

in any way from the venom of sin as

a result of the bite of the old serpent,

may God help and heal us. If we see

those arouid in like condition, suffer-

ing from the poison of that enemy, the

devil, let us try to help them by point-

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### HOME FOLES.

It is worthy of special mention that at this time there are many inquiries as to North Carolina lands. Many peothe state and cheap and good. They will be wise to come and look and buy and settle among us.

It appears difficult to ascertain the precise number of cotton mills in North Carolina. The statements vary from time to time. The latest statement is 185. There are 1,167 manufacturing establishments in the state. There are 53 woolen mills, 16 hosiery mills, two silk mills, four bag factories and two towel factories and so on.

What ever eise may happen in North Carolina in the next eight or ten months let not the white men take each other by the throat. The enemy will gain conwarded. The Christians by profession | fidence and increase their plotting for victory just in proportion as they see personal bickerings and political antagonisms and all manner of discord among the men of the white race. "In union there is strength." Believe it.

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Alaska's treasure fields continue to be an El Dorado for thousands of eager seekers after gold. News from Seattle is that the state of Washington has a Elbridike.

It looks indeed as if the brave aerial navigator, Andree, had fallen on sleep in the frozen north. He was forty-three years old. His two companions have perhaps perished with him.

he Tammany democrats have nominated for Mayor Robert A. VanWyck, a member of one of the oldest families in New York. He is the nominee for the consolidated metropolis. The platform ignores Bryan and the Chicago platform.

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